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CHANGES IN THE LAW LIBRARY OVER THE SUMMER

by Linda Fariss

Several changes occurred in the Law Library during the summer. We thought it would be helpful to returning students if we reported on some of the most important.

Staff Changes

Over the course of the summer, the Law Library lost two valuable employees that were very familiar to returning students. Yolanda Jones, Electronic Services Librarian, left the Law Library at the end of June to assume the position of an Assistant Director at the Villanova Law Library. We have been very fortunate to hire Juliet Casper to replace Yolanda. Juliet will begin her new position on October 1st. We will include more information about Juliet in next month's newsletter. Linda Rich, Head of Circulation and Patron Services, left the Library at the end of July. Linda moved to Bowling Green, Ohio where her husband received a faculty position in the School of Business. Linda is currently a Reference Librarian at the Bowling Green State University Library. Another familiar face has taken Linda's position. Jennifer Bryan, formerly our Night Circulation Supervisor, is the new Head of Circulation and Patron Services. Jennifer began her new duties on August 1st. On August 21st, Lisa Sharkey began as our new Night Circulation Supervisor.

Microform cabinets moved/new reader printer purchased

It wouldn't be a summer in the Law Library without moving something! In order to make room for our expanding microform collection, we found it necessary

to move four carrels from the second floor to the ground floor of the Library. We are also adding microform cabinets. I'm sure that anybody who has used our microform reader/printers has occasionally received very poor copies. Hopefully this has been alleviated with the purchase of a new high tech microform reader/printer. The new reader/printer digitizes the image from the microfilm or microfiche and prints it on a laser printer. The new machine is located in the Media Center. For assistance, see Jackie Hickey in the Media Center or a reference librarian.

New heavy duty stapler purchased!

Returning students know that one of the biggest complaints we receive in the Library Suggestion Box is about the quality of the staplers, especially the heavy duty stapler. This summer the Library purchased a new electric stapler that will staple between 2 and 70 pages. The stapler is located by the copy machines outside the Reference Office. Please treat this stapler better than those in the past - do not pound on it, put it on the floor and stomp on it (I kid you not - all of these behaviors have been observed), etc.!

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WESTLAW institutes usage limits

In late August, WESTLAW announced that it has established usage limits for law student accounts. These limits are effective immediately. Students will now be limited to 25 hours of on-line time and 100,000 lines of printing (approximately 2000 pages) per month. Students will receive a warning when they have used a substantial allotment of time or printing. These limits do not apply to any student associate of the three law journals. Please see a reference librarian for advice on how to deal with these limits. Our best suggestion is to print citation lists for retrieved documents that are available in hard copy and use the printed material rather than expending your online time and printing limitations. Be sure to save your printing allotment for documents that are not published elsewhere or are not easily available in hard copy.

We will, of course, report on additional changes in the Law Library throughout the school year.



EVOLVING DOCUMENTS PROFILE



Electronic access to government information is becoming a common method of obtaining important legislative material and agency publications, material which until recently was only available by waiting for snail mail to deliver the document after it had traveled through the maze of government bureaucracy. This electronic access began with a slow trickle of CD-ROM products from select government agencies and has become an increasingly rapid flow of discs and on-line resources which are now part of the Library's collection. In the coming months you'll have greater access to these resources through the LAN and an increased number of CD-ROM work stations in the Library. However, the bulk of the Documents collection remains in paper format and, as in the past, is housed on the 4th floor of the Library. Our collection includes all congressional publications such as statutes, hearings, debates and committee reports; regulations and agency rulings as well as agency reports covering a variety of subjects ranging from the environment to labor issues. As with other material in the Library, documents may be searched by subject, keyword, author and title using the online catalog. Remember that there are other I.U. libraries that have government publications in their collections and are included in the online catalog. Be

sure to look for the "BW" holdings symbol which indicates that the title is in the Law Library's collection. If you have questions be sure to ask one of the Reference Librarians for assistance.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

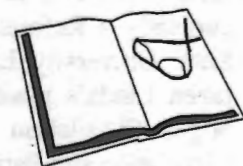
PARDON OUR TOURS

Everything in the Law School shifts into high-gear with the beginning of another academic year, and the Law Library's Public Services staff is no exception. Starting with orientation tours for the entire incoming first-year class, the Public Services librarians expect to provide tours, in-class lectures and bibliographic instruction to well over 2000 students this semester. Aside from assisting in the teaching of first-year writing and research classes, the librarians will also be guiding a substantial number of non-law students in the use of the Law Library and its collection. Students from a wide range of disciplines, such as Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications and Political Science will be receiving training in the use of periodicals indexes, legal encyclopedias and the reporter systems during the months of September and October.

In order to make tours of the Library less disruptive to students studying in the Reading Room and on the First Floor, the Public Services staff will post notices of upcoming tours so that students can seek other study areas during those times.

Keith Buckley,
Reference Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: MERGER MANIA CONTINUES



As reported in these pages last December, the legal publishing industry has seen a growing number of corporate mergers and sales over the past ten years. Highlighted in that December article was the Mead Data Central sale of LEXIS/NEXIS to the British-Dutch publishing giant, Reed Elsevier. As a direct extension of the LEXIS/NEXIS deal, two more

names familiar to legal researchers have recently combined. The Michie Company (pronounced "Mickey") of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Butterworth Legal Publishers, located in Salem, New Hampshire, have merged into a new company called Michie Butterworth.

The Michie Company, perhaps best known to readers of this newsletter as the publisher of *Burns Indiana Statutes Annotated*, has been publishing U.S. legal materials since 1855. It became a division of LEXIS/NEXIS in 1988. Although publishing in the U.S. as a division of Elsevier since only 1990, Butterworth's origins can be traced back to a legal bookstore in London in 1818. The new company will be headquartered in Charlottesville, and will remain as a division of LEXIS/NEXIS.

In an upcoming interview to be published in the American Association of Law Libraries publication *The CRIV Sheet*, Michie Butterworth President, David Harriman, talked about what law libraries can expect from the new company.

"The long term goals (of the new company) will be to continue to develop jurisdictionally based products, be they in book form or in electronic form, both primary and secondary law. We want to provide a complete library of products in every state in which we do a significant amount of business."

"We are looking to continue to develop in the areas where we are strongest and branching out into some new ones. There will be more litigation titles, but we will also be building on some of our past areas of strengths in the areas of corporate law, property law, and construction law. Also, we will be publishing more federal titles; as we now publish all federal cases on disk and will be adding more federal electronic material."

While the Michie company primarily published U.S. legal materials, Butterworth's long history in foreign legal publishing may also suggest that the new company will begin to expand in its production of international legal materials. As with other recent legal publishing mergers, it often may take some time for the two companies to meld into one, in terms of policies and customer service departments. Still, faculty and students using Michie Butterworth materials should initially notice little more than the change in corporate name.

Dick Vaughan,
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

JUDGING JUMPSTART

During the last few weeks of the 1995 Spring Semester, the Law Library conducted the Jumpstart Legal Research Program, providing concentrated remedial research skills training for law students who were either beginning their professional careers or working as summer associates and clerks. Nearly 120 students attended one of the fourteen sessions, which consisted of a review of the basic research sources and a question and answer period for specific problems and areas of practice.

In order to expand the program and better prepare next summer's body of graduates and clerks, I would like to invite all returning Jumpstart students to drop by the Reference Office during the first few weeks of the semester and tell me about your research assignments. We are especially interested in whether or not you felt adequately prepared for most of your research tasks, how the Jumpstart sessions helped you and, most importantly, what else we could have told you or what we should be telling you about research in the practicing environment. If you don't have time to sit down with us

The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

Suggestion: Newspapers being placed in other areas of the Library, where other patrons cannot read them. Could you please place a sign near the newspaper racks asking patrons not to remove the papers from the lounge?

Response: We realize that removing newspapers and magazines from the immediate area and not returning them is a problem for both patrons and the Library staff. It is also a problem for the Library staff and patrons when newspapers and magazines used in the area are not replaced on the racks. We have now posted signs on the tables in the newspaper area asking students to please return materials to the racks when finished. Thanks for your suggestion.

during this hectic period of the semester, I would appreciate it if you could jot down your ideas and criticisms of the sessions and leave your notes at the Reference Desk. Your comments will help me in structuring next spring's Jumpstart Program and find new ways of making I.U. law students better researchers, better lawyers, and better prospects in an extremely competitive job market.

Finally, remember that if you discover that you've forgotten some of your newly-acquired research skills by the end of the school year, we'll be more than happy to see you at next spring's Jumpstart sessions.

Keith Buckley,
Reference Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to several new faces in the Law School, and a couple of familiar faces in new places:

Professor David Fidler joins the faculty to teach in the international law area. Professor Fidler received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and an M.Phil. in International Relations from the University of Oxford.

Professor Sophia Goodman joins the legal writing faculty from the EEOC Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC;

Professor Seth Lahn also joins the legal writing faculty, serving most recently as Deputy Attorney General in Governmental Litigation at the Indiana AG's Office.

Professor Kathy Abrams, visiting from Cornell Law School, will be here during the fall;

Professor Paul Craig returns for the fall from Worcester College, Oxford, where he is a Fellow and Reader.

Professor William Kell, visiting for a full year, has been practicing in legal services and public interest settings;

Mary Michelle Yager and Craig Smith who joined our staff in July as Senior Faculty Secretaries;

Jennifer Underwood, who used to be in Admissions, is now a Senior Faculty Secretary;

Christina Shedlin Garber, who took over as the Capital Campaign Secretary in July;

Jennifer Bryan, who used to be the Night Circulation Supervisor in the Library, was promoted to Head of Circulation and Patron Services;

Leslie Jackson, who is working with the *Federal Communications Law Journal* and the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, in addition to the Associate Dean's Office; and

Lisa Sharkey, the Library's new Night Circulation Supervisor.

Congratulations to Krystie Herndon, Senior Faculty Secretary, who gave birth to a 6 lb., 6 oz. daughter, Grace Elena. Krystie and her husband, Tim, also have two sons.

Happy August Birthday to:

Professor Gene Shreve on August 6th;
Craig Smith on the 2nd floor on the 12th;
Assistant Dean Len Fromm on the 15th;
Professor Steve Conrad on the 16th;
Dale Calabrese in the Student Affairs Office, Professor Ed Greenebaum and Professor Jeff Stake on the 19th;
and
Sherrilyn Lawrence in the Recorder's Office, Professor Harry Pratter and Professor Cynthia Reichard on the 19th.

Happy September Birthday to::

Mike Maben in the Library on September 12th;
Keith Buckley in the Library on the 15th;
Professor Terry Bethel on the 18th; and
Shirley Wright in the *Indiana Law Journal* Office on the 29th.

Hope you all have (or had) a great day!!!